

Callington Urban District

Cornwall

June 23. 19

Dear Sir

I herewith beg to send you my
Annual Report.

"In submitting my annual report on the public health of the Urban District of Callington for the year ending December 31st, 1918, I am required by the Local Government Board to state vital statistics and any outbreak of disease only; matters relating to sanitary conditions are to form a separate report at a later date.

"The number of births registered in the district was 27—10 males and 17 females; a birth-rate of 15.6 per 1,000 per annum on an estimated total population of 1,724. The number of deaths was 21, including a non-resident, and four residents who died outside the district, viz.: 2 in the Union Infirmary, Liskeard; 1 in the County Lunatic Asylum and 1 while on a visit; the corrected figures would be 20 deaths, giving a death-rate of 12.9 per 1,000 per annum on an estimated civilian population of 1,539. Twenty-seven births and 20 deaths give a natural increase of 7. The ages at death were as follows—under 1 year, two; between 20 and 32, six; between 45 and 70, nine; over 70, four, the oldest being 82.

The following were the causes of death: influenza, 2; pulmonary tuberculosis, 3; other respiratory diseases, 5; cancer, 3; heart disease, 3; other defined diseases, 5. There were two inquest cases. Infant mortality is comparatively high, but one was a twin child delicate from birth and the other died from acute broncho-pneumonia at the age of three months.

The unusually high mortality in young adults was entirely caused by influenza and pulmonary tuberculosis.

Seven cases of pulmonary and other forms of tuberculosis have been notified, with the exception of these no other case has occurred. Influenza appeared early in the year, but only to the extent of a few scattered cases—nothing of the nature of an epidemic developed; it was in the first week of October that the epidemic reached this district, making its appearance with suddenness and violence, and continuing until December. Fully 300 persons suffered from the disease in its acute form; it was highly infectious, and not infrequently whole households were affected; but it is satisfactory that the mortality was low compared with that experienced in many other places. The Council and Church of England Schools were closed for a short period. I have sent a full report on this outbreak to the Board, as required."

of infectious disease

Yours Truly

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